

## Proclamation

WHEREAS. many citizens of Louisiana use the Internet to keep contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services and to get the latest news; and

WHEREAS. the primary and secondary schools of Louisiana use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them

access to online educational and research materials; and

WHEREAS, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources to the public; and

WHEREAS, businesses of Louisiana use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach;

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications,

transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS. Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attacks by viruses and loss of privacy

from spyware and adware; and

WHEREAS, each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), policymakers,

government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders

and our youth to protect themselves online; and

WHEREAS. each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve

the security of Louisiana information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber

Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2006, as

## CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By The Governor In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 27th \_\_day of \_\_September

Severnor of Lodisiana